



**MEETING MINUTES**

**SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT  
WATER RESOURCES ADVISORY COMMISSION**

Thursday, March 6, 2008, 9:00 AM

District Headquarters - B-1 Auditorium

3301 Gun Club Road

West Palm Beach, FL 33406

**Members and Alternates Present:**

**Jeff An**  
**Michael Bauer**  
**Al Calloway**  
**Duke Clem**  
**Joe Collins**  
**Jennifer Conner**  
**Joan Davis**  
**Beverly Grady**  
**Patrick Hayes**  
**Tom Jones**  
**William "Chad" Kennedy**  
**David Lithgow**  
**Paul Millar**  
**Mark Perry**  
**Terrence Rock Salt**  
**Charles Shinn**  
**Mike Tammaro**  
**Craig Tepper**  
**Patti Webster**  
**Ed Wright**

**D. Albrey Arrington**  
**Douglas Bournique**  
**Walter Carson**  
**Chuck Collins**  
**Michael Collins**  
**Harry Cronin**  
**Michael DiTerlizzi**  
**Paul Gray**  
**James Humble**  
**Rachel Kalin**  
**Thomas Kenny**  
**Barbara Miedema**  
**James Murley**  
**Sally Robinson**  
**Ray Scott**  
**Raymond Smith**  
**Kim Taplin**  
**Malcolm "Bubba" Wade**  
**Howard Wegis**

1. **Welcome and Introductions - Michael Collins, Chair** 15m
2. **Member Issues** 30m
3. **Legislative Update - Ernie Barnett, Director, Office of Policy and Legislation** 15p 15d

Chair Collins read the Legislative Update for the record.

There was a question regarding Miami Dade and Broward technical concerns and what it meant.

Chair Collins mentioned that it referred to the treatment of such a large amount of water.

Webster explained that Broward County has a lot of issues with water quality. She also mentioned environmental concerns with global warming. Bill expediting permitting for large companies.

Chair Collins clarified this is regarding water that presently is being discharged to tide.

Ray Scott commented on the bill that will expedite permits and his concern that is worth watching. He also mentioned the mining moratorium, and where the responsibility should lay state or Counties.

4. Water Conservation Program Update - Deena Reppen, Deputy Executive Director, Government and Public Affairs, SFWMD

15p 30d

Deena Reppen presented the Water Conservation Program Update.

Calloway 15000 g to fill a regular pool. How are we handling the utilities that will raise the rates of the water and will affect the lower income people that live in the same area?

Bubba the District can't do anything regarding water rate increases as we only provide the permit for the utilities water usage.

Merriam it is up to the state government and county commissioners to control the increases.

DiTerlizzi asked that other recommendations be added to the group's suggestions.

Chair Collins agreed with the recommendations to be added before is presented to the Governing Board.

Joe Collins added that grasses that are drought resistance should be promoted as part of Florida friendly landscape

Merriam concurred and also added plants for Xeriscaping should be included

Chair Collins this rule has to get the message across that the culture has to change.

Carson stated that there is a contradictory message District doesn't set water rates this document asked for the utilities to come back after permitting with water rates.

Tammaro asked what is the incentive for the utilities for water conservation? From their point of view the least you used the least money they make.

Chair Collins explained that these are short terms impacts are we are working thru these issues. We see an opportunity of bringing water from the west

Perry water should be addressed during the wet times and not only during the drought. Glade Restoration in this document.

Deena it would be addressed thru Everglades restoration.

Harry Cronin read a letter from the FL Keys Aqueduct Authority regarding the work done by the Water Conservation Group.

Chair Collins stated that the Water Use Restriction document will come back to the WRAC before it is presented to the Governing Board for approval. This group needs to start thinking because our input is going to be needed.

Carson expressed that his concern with the document is that it tells what to do but not the specifics of how to do it.

Chair Collins stated that this group will be fact finding and this group will present to the Board and start rulemaking like a b-list

5. WRAC Recreation Issues Workshop Report and Chandler Slough Action Item - David Lithgow, Chair, Recreation Issues; and Steve Coughlin, Director, Land Stewardship Div., SFWMD  
15p 30d  
  
David Lithgow presented the WRAC Recreation Issues Workshop Report and Chandler Slough Action Item.  
  
Steve Coughlin presenter the Kissimmee River Public Use Area.  
  
access to public lands it is important to keep people engaged. This is a great set-up  
  
Chair Collins agreed that gator hunting numbers could be increased without any concerns.  
  
ACTION ITEM: Asked the WRAC to passed to the GB without any objections the two itmes: increased numbers during gator hunting and to allow the request for the WRAC Issues Workshop to sponsor meetings every other month.
6. WRAC Lake Okeechobee Committee Report - Malcolm "Bubba" Wade, Jr., Chair  
15p 15d
7. Lunch - 12:30 - 1:15 p.m.  
45m
8. Statewide Stormwater Rule Update - Janet Llewellyn, Director, Water Resource Mgt. Div., Florida Department of Environmental Protection  
15p 30d  
  
Janet Llewellyn presented the Statewide Stormwater Rule Update.  
  
Will Storm water recycling be considered an alternate source and will it be excluded from water restriction  
  
the rule will probably exclude it from water restriction.  
  
How will the synergy work between this rule and land development  
  
Murley: on a large redevelopment it would benefit to identify the land for multiple use as early in the development as possible.  
  
Estenoz asked what is the treatment standard under the TMDL.  
  
Estenoz fairness of responsibilities are valid issues. set of rule will set up a set of calculations for water quality.  
  
Cronin - Rule has to be site specific, the criteria can't be use across the District equally.  
  
Off site runoff: not fairness of responsibility  
  
What happens if a county has their own rule?  
  
no state preemption to a water rule if they are stringent.

9. WRAC Issues Workshop Report - Lake Okeechobee Service Area Water Availability Rule Development, Chip Merriam, Dep. Executive Director, Water Resources, SFWMD 15p 15d

10. Kissimmee Basin Issues Update - Lawrence Glenn, Dir., Kissimmee Div., SFWMD 15p 15d

Lawrence Glenn presented the Kissimmee Basin Issues Update.

Gray - storage and treatment south of Lake Kissimmee, Lake Kissimmee will be saturated in less than 10 years. How are we accommodating for additional storage for NEP?

It was not on the original modeling that was done prior to NEP, it will be reviewed and updated.

Is it a study for water usage within the District in comparison to other districts?

We are using our 2005 Kissimmee Lakes permitted water use study as our baseline.

Arrington expressed concerns with data from 2005 being used when is clear growth with surpassed the data and also asked than this water don't be compromised with future water consumption permits.

Merriam explained that only real data can be used but said than yearly reviews to the data would be done.

11. Adjourn: 3:15 p.m